**BRISTOL WARREN REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

**ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**

Monday, December 3, 2018

The Organizational Meeting of the Bristol Warren Regional School Committee was held in the Cafeteria of the Mt. Hope High School on Monday, December 3, 2018.

The Superintendent of Schools, Mario J. Andrade, opened the meeting at 5:43 p.m. He explained the order of business for tonight’s School Committee meeting.

**Present:** John C. Bento, Brian Bradshaw, Victor Cabral, Sheila O. Ellsworth, Marjorie M. McBride, Adam Ramos, Carly Reich, John P. Saviano and Erin Schofield; Mario J. Andrade, Superintendent; Diane Sanna, Assistant Superintendent; Raquel Pellerin, School Business Administrator; Mary N. Almeida, Director of Literacy and Title I; and Leslie J. Anderson, Director of Pupil Personnel Services

All present were invited to Pledge Allegiance to the Flag.

**Introduction of School Committee Members**

Dr. Andrade asked the School Committee members to introduce themselves.

Dr. Andrade acknowledged Diana Campbell, outgoing School Committee member, recognizing her years of service. He commended her leadership skills and her efforts which moved the District forward. Dr. Andrade stated that Mrs. Campbell always had her eye on School Committee policy and fiscal responsibility. He thanked her for all her service to the District.

Dr. Andrade mentioned the number of state and local representatives who were present and asked them to stand so that they could be acknowledged.

**Swearing-In of School Committee Members**

Dr. Andrade introduced retired Justice Patricia Hurst who will be officiating tonight’s ceremony. Dr. Andrade shared highlights from her illustrious career. He added that she currently serves as a mediator with the Rhode Island Supreme Court Appellate Mediation Program.

Judge Hurst stated that she is very honored to be a part of the Bristol Warren Regional School Committee Swearing-In Ceremony for another year. She added that she has enjoyed coming to officiate over the years.

Judge Hurst offered words of encouragement to the School Committee members, acknowledging the difficult times we live in and how important the work of a School Committee member is during a time such as this.

Judge Hurst asked the School Committee members to recite the Oath of Office.

Dr. Andrade offered congratulations to the new members.

**ELECTION OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE OFFICERS**

**Chair**

Dr. Andrade asked for nominations for Chair. Mr. Saviano nominated Mrs. Schofield; Mr. Ramos seconded. There were no further nominations.

The motion to nominate Mrs. Schofield for the position of School Committee Chair passed unanimously.

Dr. Andrade turned control of the meeting over to the new Chair, Mrs. Schofield. Mrs. Schofield thanked everyone for their support.

**Vice-Chair**

Mrs. Schofield asked for nominations for Vice-Chair. Mr. Bradshaw nominated Mr. Ramos; Mrs. Schofield seconded. There were no further nominations.

The motion to nominate Mr. Ramos for the position of School Committee Vice-Chair passed unanimously.

Mrs. Schofield congratulated Mr. Ramos.

**Secretary**

Mrs. Schofield asked for nominations for Secretary. Mr. Ramos nominated Mr. Saviano; Mr. Bento seconded. There were no further nominations.

The motion to nominate Mr. Saviano for the position of School Committee secretary passed with a 7-1 vote; Mrs. McBride dissenting.

Mrs. Schofield congratulated Mr. Saviano.

**Treasurer**

Mrs. Schofield asked for nominations for Treasurer. Mr. Ramos nominated Mr. Bradshaw; Mr. Saviano seconded. There were no further nominations.

The motion to nominate Mr. Bradshaw for the position of School Committee Treasurer passed unanimously.

Mrs. Schofield congratulated Mr. Bradshaw.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to discuss, Mrs. McBride motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:51 p.m.; seconded by Mr. Saviano. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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John P. Saviano, Secretary

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